

REMARKS

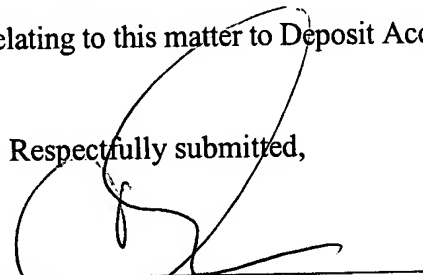
Pursuant to the filing of the above-referenced Continuation Patent Application, Applicants cancel originally filed claims 1 through 12, 21 through 35 and 46 through 56 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Consideration for allowance of Claims 13 through 20 and 36 through 45 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No additional fee is believed to be due with this preliminary amendment. If any required fee has been overlooked, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or to credit any fee overpayment relating to this matter to Deposit Account No. 01-0657.

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